

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A program processing system for performing a program process using an electronic program guide, comprising:

3 a communication network;

4 a program processing apparatus for executing a program process, said
5 apparatus having

6 a database for storing program reservation data identifying a
7 reservation of particular externally broadcast programs for recording,
8 means for preparing a program condition data based, at least in part,
9 on said reservation data,

10 means for receiving and storing a privacy level data having at least a
11 first value and a second value,

12 means transmitting the stored privacy level data through said
13 communication network, and

14 means for transmitting, based at least in part on said privacy level
15 data, said program condition data through said network, wherein said
16 transmitting selectively transmits said condition data when said privacy level
17 data has said first value and is inhibited from transmitting said condition data
18 when said privacy level data has said second value;

19 an electronic program guide preparation server, connected to said
20 communication network, for preparing an electronic program guide;
21 wherein said electronic program guide preparation server includes, including
22 reception means for receiving said privacy level data and said condition data
23 regarding programs through said a communication network, determination means for
24 determining a condition of each of the program based on the data regarding the

25 programs, electronic program guide preparation means for preparing an electronic
26 program guide including of a modified display form showing a reservation status of
27 the externally broadcast programs wherein a selection based on section for
28 performing a process in accordance with the said received condition data of each of
29 the programs is displayed, and transmission means for transmitting the prepared
30 electronic program guide to said program processing apparatus; ;
31 wherein said program processing apparatus including electronic program
32 guide displaying means includes means for displaying the electronic program guide
33 received through said communication network and program processing means
34 operable in response to selection of one of the selection sections displayed on the
35 electronic program guide for executing a program process corresponding to the
36 selected selection section;

37 wherein said electronic program guide preparation server determines whether
38 or not an electronic program guide should be distributed to said program processing
39 apparatus based on a privacy level of information sent thereto from said program
40 processing apparatus.

3. (Canceled)

1 4. (Currently Amended) The A program processing system of as claimed in claim 2,
2 wherein a monetary consideration which differs depending upon said a privacy level
3 data of information sent from said program processing apparatus, is imposed for
4 distribution of an electronic program guide from said electronic program guide
5 preparation server sending said electronic guide to said program processing
6 apparatus.

5-12. (Canceled).

1 13. (New) The program processing system of claim 2, wherein the program
2 processing apparatus further includes:

3 means for recording said externally broadcast programs; and

4 a recorded program database for storing information identifying externally
5 broadcast programs that have been recorded by said means for recording said
6 externally broadcast programs, and

7 wherein said means for preparing a program condition data prepares the
8 program condition data further based on said information stored in said recorded
9 program database.

1 14. (New) The program processing system of claim 13, wherein said program
2 processing apparatus further includes

3 a program playback section for retrieving and playing externally broadcast
4 programs stored in said recorded program database;

5 inputting means for receiving user commands relating to the electronic
6 program guide displayed by said means for displaying the electronic program guide
7 received from said electronic program guide preparation server; and

8 an operating instruction section for controlling said program playback section
9 based on said electronic program guide displayed by said means for displaying and
10 on said user commands.

1 15. (New) The program processing system of claim 13, wherein a monetary
2 consideration which, differs depending upon said privacy level data sent from said
3 program processing apparatus, is imposed for said electronic program guide
4 preparation server sending said electronic guide to said program processing
5 apparatus.

1 16. (New) The program processing system of claim 14, wherein a monetary
2 consideration which, differs depending upon a privacy level data sent from said
3 program processing apparatus, is imposed for-said electronic program guide
4 preparation server sending said electronic guide to said program processing
5 apparatus.